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Question: How will DHS evaluate SVAs from so many different types of facilities?

Answer: DHS uses the SVA to evaluate a facility's specific circumstances, security issues and vulnerabilities, taking into account many factors, such as the type of facility (e.g., university, medical research laboratory) and any existing security and consequence mitigation measures. The SVA provides the facility an opportunity to inform DHS of aspects of, or changes to, its operations that could mitigate the potential risks on which DHS based the facility's initial high-risk determination. A facility still considered high risk after DHS' analysis of its SVA will be required to develop a Site Security Plan (SSP) meeting the CFATS Risk Based Performance Standards (RBPS), but tailored to the facility's circumstances, including its Chemicals of Interest (COI), security issues and risks, and the type of facility it is.